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## LAST EDITION. HILL AND ANTI-HILL.

### Democratic State Convention in Session To-Day at Albany.

Gen. Sickles Presides Over the  
Choice of Delegates and  
Elected.

Cooper Union Protestants  
Hold a Rival Con-  
vention.

All Is Harmony Among the Rep-  
resentatives of "The  
Regulars."

**SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.**  
CONTENTION HALL, ALBANY, Feb. 22.—The Democratic State Convention was called to order by chairman Edward Murphy, Jr., of the State Committee, at 12:30 p.m.

The police arrangements were very imperfect. The crush for admittance was so great that delegates were detained outside, and there was not a quorum present for the transaction of business when the hour for the gavel to fall arrived.



GREETING NEW ARRIVALS.

Chairman Murphy and Big Chief Croker, of Tammany Hall, were among those detained by the crowd for nearly half an hour before they could secure the opening of an extra door.

Red, white and blue bunting formed the only decorations of the hall, incidentally added to by the bright colored attire of a throng of ladies in the boxes. Among those was Mrs. Sheehan, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor.

A portrait of Washington hung from the proscenium arch in honor of the anniversary of his birth. It caused some comment among the delegates, who thought it queer that Senator Hill's picture did not occupy a place of honor.

One of the portraits was sent out Senator Hill was holding an important conference with Chairman Murphy, of the State Committee; Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan, Richard Croker, Commissioner of Public Works Gilroy, Police Commissioner James J. Martin, Congressman W. Bourke Cockran, Corporation Counsel Clark and David McHugh.

#### AN UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

This conference lasted for three hours, and on its result it was the determination that the delegation which will be sent to Chicago is not to be instructed.

Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan said that he was not at liberty to tell what had occurred at the conference, but he was strongly of opinion that the delegation to the National Convention would not be instructed.

Another of the conferees said that they will be recommended to support Senator Hill as the Presidential candidate of the party. This, he said, was the course advocated by Tammany Hall.

The Brooklyn member of the "Big Four," Hugh McLaughlin, was not present. He did not arrive with his Kings County delegation until 1 o'clock p.m., when he went direct to his room at the Kenmare Hotel, where Croker, Gilroy, Cockran, Clark, Martin and McHugh had preceded him, and his indorsement of the course determined on regarding the non-instruction of the National delegation was obtained.

Chapman Murphy called the convention to order and made the temporary organization decided on by the State Committee at its morning meeting.

Mr. J. W. Hinckley, ex-Judge Beebe, of the Court of Claims, to the chair, his speech was warmly received throughout, but the greatest applause was accorded his reference to Senator Hill, "whose leadership the Democracy of the State has never lost a battle."

Three cheers and three more were given, while the David B. Hill Club kept up the enthusiasm with its peculiar cry, which is in many respects similar to the yell of the Cornell University students.

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